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September 11, 2012

Florence R. Jimenez
Rio En Medio MDWC & MSWA
PO Box 244
Tesuque, New Mexico 87574

RE: Administrative Compliance Order, NO. 2012-CO-016, Rio En Medio MDWC & MSWA, PWS# NM3533426

Ms. Jimenez:

Please find attached Administrative Compliance Order No. 2012-CO-016, issued to Rio En Medio MDWC & MSWA, PWS# NM3533426, under the Environmental Improvement Act, NMSA 1978, § 74.1.10 and the Drinking Water Regulations, 20.7.10 NMAC. Please review the Administrative Compliance Order (Order) carefully to understand what actions must be taken to comply with the requirements of the Order. Rio En Medio MDWC & MSWA has a right to answer the allegations in the Order and request a hearing, pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 74.1.10.E (available at www.nmenv.state.nm.us).

If you have any questions or need assistance with meeting the requirements of this Order, please contact Jeff Pompeo, Enforcement Coordinator at 505-476-8620 or via email at jeff.pompeo@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Tom Blaine, PE, Division Director
Field Operations & Infrastructure Division

cc. Joe Martinez, Water System Specialist, District II
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
FIELD OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
DIVISION,

Complainant,
v.

No. 2012-CO-016

Rio En Medio MDWC & MSWA,
PWS# NM3533426,

Respondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE ORDER

Pursuant to the Environmental Improvement Act ("EIA"), NMSA 1978, § 74-1-10, and the Drinking Water Regulations ("DW Regulations"), 20.7.10 NMAC, the Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED"), acting through the Director of the Field Operations and Infrastructure Division of the NMED, issues this Administrative Compliance Order ("Order") to Rio En Medio MDWC & MSWA ("Respondent") to enforce the EIA and DW Regulations.

FINDINGS

1. The NMED is an executive agency within the government of the State of New Mexico and is charged with administration and enforcement of the EIA and DW Regulations.
2. Respondent owns and operates a public drinking water system ("System") located in Santa Fe County, New Mexico.
3. The System is a Community water system, as defined by Section 20.7.10.100 NMAC, incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.2, that regularly provides piped drinking water to approximately one hundred thirty (130) year round residents and has approximately fifty-three (53) service connections to serve these year round residents.

4. Respondent, Rio En Medio MDWC & MSHA, is a “person” as defined by the EIA, NMSA 1978, § 74-1-3 and 20.7.10.100 NMAC, incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.2.

5. Section 20.7.10.100 NMAC, incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.86, establishes monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water.

6. On July 11, 2011, a Notice of Violation was issued to Respondent by the NMED for failure to conduct lead and copper compliance sampling during the 2010 monitoring period.

7. 20.7.10.100 NMAC, incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141 Subpart O, establishes requirements for publishing and submission of Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR).

8. On November 18, 2011, a Notice of Violation was issued to Respondent by the NMED for failure to submit the 2011 CCR and failure to submit the 2010 and 2011 CCR certification forms.

9. On August 24, 2012, a Notice of Violation was issued to Respondent by the NMED for failure to submit the 2009 CCR and 2009 CCR certification form.

10. On August 29, 2012, a Notice of Violation was issued to Respondent by the NMED for failure to submit the 2011 CCR.

11. On September 5, 2012, the November 18, 2011 Notice of Violation was re-issued to Respondent by the NMED clarifying the CCR date and CCR certification form date.

VIOLATION 1

12. Respondent is in violation of Section 20.7.10.100 NMAC, incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.86, *Monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water*. Respondent failed to collect compliance samples during the 2010 monitoring period.

VIOLATION 2

13. Respondent is in violation of 20.7.10.100 NMAC, incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.153 *Consumer Confidence Report*, by failing to prepare, publish and certify a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2009, 2010, and 2011.

RETURN TO COMPLIANCE

Based upon the foregoing findings, Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the following:

14. By September 30, 2013, comply with Section 20.7.10.100 NMAC, incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.86 *Monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water*, and collect lead and copper samples.

15. Within 60 days of receipt of this Order, prepare and publish a 2011 CCR in the form and manner required by 40 C.F.R. 141 Subpart O. A copy of the CCR must be submitted to the NMED.

16. Submittals made pursuant to this Order shall be sent by standard U.S. mail or certified mail with return receipt requested to the following:

Jeff Pompeo, Enforcement Coordinator
New Mexico Environment Department
Drinking Water Bureau
525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 4
Santa Fe, NM 87505

IF RESPONDENT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPHS 14 THROUGH 16 OF THIS ORDER, THE SECRETARY OF NMED MAY ASSESS ADDITIONAL CIVIL PENALTIES NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND

DOLLARS (\$1,000) FOR EACH INSTANCE OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THIS ORDER.

RIGHT TO ANSWER AND REQUEST A HEARING

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 61-33-120.E and 74-1-10.E and 20.1.5 NMAC (available at www.nmenv.state.nm.us), Respondent has the right to request a hearing. If Respondent (a) contests any material or legal matters upon which this Order is based; (b) contends that Respondent is entitled to prevail as a matter of law; or (c) otherwise contests the appropriateness of this Order, Respondent may mail or deliver within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order a written Request for Hearing at the following address:

Hearing Clerk
New Mexico Environment Department
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Respondent must attach a copy of this Order to the Request for Hearing. 20.1.5.200.A(2)(d) NMAC.

The Request for Hearing shall include an Answer. Respondent's Answer shall clearly and directly admit, deny or explain each of the factual allegations contained in this Order with regard to which Respondent has any knowledge. Where Respondent has no knowledge of a particular factual allegation, Respondent should so state, and the Respondent may deny the allegation on that basis. Any allegation in this Order not specifically denied shall be deemed admitted. 20.1.5.200.A(2)(a) NMAC.

Respondent's Answer shall also include any affirmative defenses upon which Respondent intends to rely. Any affirmative defense not asserted in the Answer, except a defense asserting lack of subject matter jurisdiction, shall be deemed waived. 20.1.5.200.A(2)(b) NMAC.

Respondent's Answer shall be signed under oath or affirmation that the information contained therein is to the best of the signer's knowledge believed to be true and correct.

20.1.5.200.A(2)(c) NMAC.

FINALITY OF ORDER

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 61-33-10.E and § 74-1-10.E, this Order shall become final unless the Respondent files a Request for Hearing with the Hearing Clerk within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order.

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Whether or not a Request for Hearing has been filed, Respondent may confer with the NMED concerning settlement of this Order. The NMED encourages settlement consistent with the provisions and objectives of the EIA and the DW Regulations. Settlement discussions neither extend the thirty (30) day deadline for filing a Request for Hearing and Answer nor alter the deadline imposed for compliance with the mandate of this Order. Settlement discussion may be pursued as an alternative to, and simultaneously with, the hearing proceedings. Respondent may appear at the settlement conference alone or accompanied or represented by legal counsel.

A Stipulated Final Order shall finalize any settlement reached by the parties. The Stipulated Final Order must resolve all issues raised in this Order, shall be final and binding on all parties, and may not be appealed.

To explore the possibility of settlement in this matter, contact Jeff Pompeo, Enforcement Coordinator, Drinking Water Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Santa Fe, NM 87505, (505) 476-8630.

COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS

Compliance with the requirements of this Order does not relieve Respondent of the obligation to comply with all other applicable laws and regulations. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of 20.7.10 NMAC and 20.7.4 NMAC which remain in full force and effect. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the NMED to forgo any civil or criminal action otherwise authorized under the EIA.

TERMINATION

This Order shall terminate when Respondent certifies that all requirements of this Order have been met and the NMED has approved such certification in writing, or when the Secretary approves a Stipulated Final Order.



Tom Blaine, PE
Division Director
Field Operations and Infrastructure Division
525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 4
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

9/17/12
Date

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Administrative Compliance Order was sent on _____, 2012 via certified return receipt requested to the following:

Ms. Florence R. Jimenez
Rio En Medio MDWC & MSHA
PO Box 244
Tesuque, New Mexico 87574

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